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Olmstead Featured This Month

For our first general membership meeting of the fall, we once again welcome Mr. John Olmstead, who will present us with an update on his continuing conservation efforts to create a system of interconnected parks and trails. These projects range from local trails for the handicapped to a 4,000 mile coast-to-coast trail. Mr. Olmstead's presentation will be beautifully illustrated by a four-projector panoramic view system.

You won't want to miss this program, so plan to join us on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley.

—MIKE WIHLE, *Program Chairman*

A Message From The President

The first half of our 60th anniversary year drew to a close in June and found us so busy between the National Convention in Estes Park, Colorado and our own annual dinner celebration that we missed the deadline for the July-August *Gull* and hence we are very tardy in our thanks to the outgoing board members.

To Director Chris Carpenter, who as Chairman of the Nominating Committee put together a strong and viable board to start our seventh decade with; to Dr. James Clayton, Chairman of the Education Committee, who guided the docent training program in conjunction with Phil Schaeffer of the Whittell Education Center at Richardson Bay. In addition Dr. Clayton made two very beautiful and sturdy display cases for us to use when we exhibit at various environmental and conservation events. Thank you again, Jim. To Naomi Svenningsen, our outgoing Recording Secretary, our profound gratitude for board minutes faithfully and accurately rendered month after month, and for getting the

minutes to us before the dust settled lest we forget what we discussed.

There aren't words or space enough to adequately thank outgoing Field Trips Chairman Marie Mans. Though Marie called it a labor of love it was truly a labor with the love spread very thin at times between trip schedules, *Gull* deadlines, and uncertain weather conditions. To quote Gene Hull, a member of the Field Trips Committee, "the amount of time, energy and devotion Marie Mans has given absolutely astonishes me and I trust that the GGAS structure from top to bottom—board to members—appreciates this in like measure." We do.

The National Convention at Estes Park had several highlights worth mentioning. Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus told the nearly 1,000 Audubon members gathered there that under the Endangered Species Act his role as Secretary of the Interior was to ensure the protection and enhancement of endangered species, and that he intended to fulfill that responsibility. Secretary Andrus went on to say that the President, in his Environmental Message, had ordered identification of all critical habitats under federal jurisdiction or control. The Secretary outlined some of the many assignments given to the Department of the Interior in President Carter's Environmental Message in May. He said the President's message "amounts to a major reassessment of the nation's environmental policy—to strengthen it, to improve the quality of life, to preserve the best of America for ourselves and for the future."

While attending one of the workshops at the convention we learned that other states have statewide Audubon Councils that coordinate all the chapters in the state on issues affecting the state. A Council also serves as a focal point for information on leading experts in various fields who could be called upon to assist chapters or individuals. The result is a much better informed membership. We were so impressed with these Councils that we would like to see something similar set up for California.

Our 60th anniversary celebration was an outstanding success. Over 120 people feasted on the excellently prepared and served Claremont Hotel cuisine. We were also treated to a very interesting and educational after-dinner speech by William Penn Mott and a superb slide show on sanctuaries by Phil Schaeffer. Four former presidents, Enid Austin, Paul Covell, Trix Machlis, and Bertha Underhill, honored us with their attendance.

This past year also saw very busy Education and Conservation Committees. There were seven major events covered by these committees, among them the Environmental Fair at Hayward State, Cousteau Day at UC Berkeley, the Sea Otter Festival at Richardson Bay, and Oceans Day Festival at Fort Mason. These events took hours and hours of

volunteer time, to produce and staff professional exhibits. It fell upon the same group of people time and again to do the work and represent GGAS. It is extremely important that we are a visible organization for both members and non-members alike. It is also important that each and every member of this society supports us. It is the *people* in any organization, be it business, political, or conservation, that make it successful. Unless we know ourselves, we cannot do an effective job of promoting environmental issues or furthering the cause of Audubon. For that reason a questionnaire is enclosed in this issue of *The Gull*. Please take the time to answer and return it to the office.

—LENORE JOHNSON, *President*

Fall Birding Classes With Joe Morlan

This fall we are sponsoring three field ornithology classes in conjunction with the Galileo-Marina Community College Center in San Francisco. Each class consists of an illustrated, 2½-hour evening lecture one day a week, followed by three-hour field trips offered every other weekend. All classes are free and last eighteen weeks. No pre-registration is necessary—enroll by going directly to the classroom on the day and hour indicated below.

Beginning Field Ornithology is designed for those with no previous birding experience. It covers the characteristics of the major orders and families and deals with the common birds found in various habitats in the Bay Area. Meet in room 253, Marina Junior High School at the corner of Fillmore and Bay Streets, Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate Field Ornithology is designed for those who already know most of the common species but who wish to sharpen their birding skills and develop a high level of competence in field identification. It systematically treats all the non-passerine species occurring in California. Meet in room 254, Marina Junior High School, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 6.

Advanced Field Ornithology is a continuation of Intermediate and treats all the passerines occurring in California. Meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7 in room 254, Marina Junior High School. There is ample free parking in the lot adjacent to the west side of the school with the entrance on Bay Street. For further information, call the college at 885-0660.

In the East Bay, Joe Morlan will be offering a series of morning bird walks starting Thursday, September 15, through the Albany Adult School. Enrollment will be limited. For more information, call the school at 526-6441.

Ornithology at Albany

This fall quarter, a class in General Ornithology will be offered under the joint sponsorship of CGAS and Albany Adult School. Topics such as the evolution, anatomy, physiology and ecological relationships of birds will be presented through lectures, slides and assorted lab materials. The class will meet for ten weeks on Thursday evenings beginning September 12 and will be instructed by Tom Harvay. For further information, call the school at 526-6441.

Birding With Don at Alameda

The Alameda Adult School is offering an 11-week course in Intermediate Field Ornithology on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. beginning September 21; the instructor is Don Roberson, *The Gull's* Observations Editor. The course is suitable for those who have taken Beginning Field Ornithology or already are acquainted with the commoner birds of the Bay Area. Lectures will include many visual aids and will emphasize rarer species and more difficult field problems, while field trips will explore prime birding areas within two hours of the Bay Area for the more local and rarer species. Tuition of \$5 allows a student to take as many courses as desired at the Alameda Adult School. For further information call 522-6710.

Bird Identification Workshops

Point Reyes Bird Observatory will hold three bird identification workshops this fall, at the Co-op meeting room in Corte Madera at 7:30 p.m. Staff biologists will use slides to familiarize birders with some of the more difficult groups of birds. **Donation \$2.50. September 21: Warblers**, with Bruce Sorrie, Banding Biologist; **September 28: Shorebirds**, with Gary Page, Shorebird Biologist; **October 5: Seabirds**, with Ron LeValley, Farallones Biologist.

Field Trips Calendar

As mentioned in the *May Gull* we will make carpool arrangements for the trips that are checked (✓). Contacts for the long trips to Honey Lake and Yuba Pass earlier this year worked out well—everyone needing rides or wanting riders got their wish. A little more interaction on the Bay Area trips would be nice. For each trip we need only a few calls from each side of the bay. You may not feel like taking your car one day, but someone else will want to take theirs. If you can't make up your mind until the evening before, that's all right—call anyway; we're flexible. Kate Partridge, Carpool Coordinator, 849-1951 (home) or 642-3628 (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

Saturday, September 10—Alameda South Shore. We will explore several good spots around the island. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Lincoln Park,

High St. and Santa Clara Ave. in Alameda (AC Transit buses 51 and 58). Bring lunch. Leader: Leora Feeney (522-8525). (✓)

Sunday, September 11—Limantour Natural Area for some "shore-birding by ear." Meet at **9:30 a.m.** in the parking lot at the end of Limantour Rd., Pt. Reyes National Seashore. Bring lunch and liquids to carry, and be prepared to walk in mud and sand. Leader: Marie Mans (284-7681). (✓)

Wednesday, September 14—Mini-trip to Alameda South Shore. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Lincoln Park (see September 10 trip for details). Lunch optional. Leader: Leora Feeney. Questions or rides? Call Ruth Voss in Berkeley at 525-8032 or Hap Fraser in San Francisco at 661-8891.

Saturday, September 17—San Francisco coastal area. Meet at **6:50 a.m.** in the parking lot between Middle and South Lakes, about one-tenth of a mile north of the entrance to Golden Gate Park at 41st Ave. and Lincoln Way. We will explore several of San Francisco's finest fog belt areas known to attract fall vagrants and regular migrants. Bring lunch. Leader: Dan Murphy (564-0074).

Sunday, September 18—Coyote Hills Regional Park. Lesser Yellowlegs, White-tailed Kites, and Burrowing Owls are usually seen at this time of year. Take the Nimitz Freeway (Cal. 17) or Dumbarton Bridge (Cal. 84) to Jarvis Ave. in Newark; drive on Jarvis to Newark Blvd. and follow the signs to the park. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the first big parking lot to your left. Bring lunch. Leader: Peter Allen (548-4592). (✓)

Saturday, September 24—Abbotts Lagoon and vicinity, Pt. Reyes National Seashore, for a variety of shorebirds and fall migrants. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the parking lot behind the grocery store in Inverness to car-pool. Bring lunch. Leader: Mary Louise Rosegay (386-1640). (✓)

Saturday, October 8 & 15—Hawk trips to Marin Headlands. Details will be in *October Gull*. Leader: Brian McCaffery.

Pelagic trips—Spaces are still available on the boats leaving from Monterey Harbor on **Sunday, September 11** and **Sunday, October 9**. Reservations can be obtained by sending \$15 per person to Golden Gate Audubon Society (see back page for address). Details of when and where to meet will be sent with confirmation of the reservation. For further information call 843-2222.

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

GGAS has traditionally offered one of the finest field trip programs in California. These are free to both members and non-members alike. It is clear that it is not necessary to pay leaders in order to present such excellent programs. The Field Trips Committee considers the payment of field trip leaders as going against the purpose for which this non-profit, educational, conservation organization was established.

—BETTY SHORT, *Chairperson*

Volunteers Needed to Continue GGAS Bay Shore Studies Teaching Program

The volunteer teacher training program is designed to prepare volunteers to teach in the Bay Shore Studies Program jointly sponsored by the Golden Gate and National Audubon Societies. Bay Shore Studies provides fourth to eighth grade students with field experience in the ecology of San Francisco Bay. Volunteers in the program have ranged from complete novices to persons with backgrounds in biological sciences. All, after completion of the training program, have become knowledgeable, enthusiastic teachers capable of working easily with small groups of students exploring the bayshore communities through designed activities.

Volunteers are needed to participate in a four-week training program scheduled for October. Training sessions will be conducted for those living in San Francisco at Fort Point on four consecutive Tuesday mornings beginning October 4th, and for those living in the East Bay at the Berkeley Marina on four consecutive Thursday mornings beginning October 6th.

The response to last year's program was best described in a letter received from a participating teacher, "Please be prepared for requests from other teachers at our school next year as everyone I talked to was very excited about your program."

Anyone wishing to take part in this exciting educational program should call or write the Golden Gate Audubon Society (see back page) for application forms and further information.

GGAS Field Trip to Hawaii

An 11-day natural history tour to the islands of Hawaii and Kauai is scheduled for December 29, 1977 to January 8, 1978. Its theme will be the ecology of an isolated island system, with special emphasis on birds.

Our first week will be on the "Big Island" of Hawaii, geologically the oldest in the archipelago. We will visit a still-active volcano and bird the unique *kipuka*—isolated stands of tropical forest surrounded by lava flows. Next we will fly to the oldest of the main islands, Kauai the "Garden Island." For three days our base will be the high rain forest at Kokee State Park. We will descend to the lush coastal regions the last two days.

Aiming at depth rather than breadth, the itinerary is full but not frantic. Anyone who can go on the average GGAS field trip should find this tour within his or her physical capabilities. This will not be a

trophy-hunting "listing" trip designed for advanced birders and led by experts. Rather, as a group we will try to learn from each other and share our combined knowledge. The CGAS leader, Roger D. Harris (533-9508) will be able to provide only limited naturalist expertise, but he has birded and back-packed in the islands. To help us out, we will call on National Park Naturalists on Hawaii and will arrange for a local expert to accompany us part of the time on Kauai.

Accommodations will be in cabins with from three to five to a cabin. The tour cost will be very reasonable, aimed at making it more affordable to a wider spectrum of people than is the case with most trips. Anyone interested in receiving the itinerary and cost figures (not finally computed at press time) should write to Sicmer and Hand, Ltd., One Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, California 94111 or call 788-7186.

California Birds

FROM MONTEREY BAY TO CONDOR COUNTRY

The National Audubon Society's Whittell Education Center is sponsoring a natural history tour of several California habitats emphasizing the bird life unique to each. This special six-day tour will be highlighted by a pelagic trip out of Monterey Bay and a campout in the heart of condor country.

Jon Winter, an instructor in ornithology who has birded throughout the United States, Mexico, and South America over the past 25 years, will lead this California adventure. Jon is a regional co-editor of *American Birds*, and his natural history experience is reflected in journals both in the United States and in Great Britain.

The cost of this tour is \$295 per person and includes all meals, lodging, and transportation. The trip will begin in Monterey on October 6, 1977 and return there on October 11. For registration forms and detailed itinerary write to: National Audubon Society, George Whittell Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, California 94920. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.

June and July Observations

It has only recently been discovered that the late spring migration in our area is as exciting as anywhere in the state. This was only the second June that Point Reyes was well covered and the results are impressive. Furthermore, Joe Morlan and Van Remsen discovered that many vagrants were attracted to patches of flowering poison hemlock in washes beyond Nunes Ranch, an area called "the Weeds" below. (All references to Point Reyes will be in terms of ranches and spots described in the *May Gull*.) Most of this column is devoted to the extraordinary vagrant

spring. However, several other fascinating events are narrated below, including California's second nesting of parulas, a mid-July influx of frigatebirds, and increases in our rarer nesting aleids.

A Manx Shearwater was noted from Pigeon Point 16 July (BSa), one of the few July records. However, a previously undocumented spring movement of Manxes was reported this year and it may well be that the fall return begins by mid-July. Five reports of at least four different **Magnificent Frigatebirds** were received, the second best summer on record (1972 had six birds). What may have been the same immature was spotted at the Pajaro River mouth 12 July (J&RW) and on 16 July at Santa Cruz (FW) and Point Pinos (PK). Two immatures sailed past the Point Reyes lighthouse 12 July (LR) and an adult female was described from China Beach, San Francisco 17 July (BL). It is interesting that during the week previous to our sightings the Los Angeles-Santa Barbara area had several birds, and the week before that up to four were at the Salton Sea. It is plausible that post-breeding birds from the Gulf of California head north to the Salton Sea, turn west through San Geronimo Pass over Los Angeles to the ocean (frigatebirds soar at great altitudes and can see the ocean from that elevation) and follow their northward urge up the California coast. Their ultimate fate is unknown. An adult **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** was convincingly described from Marshall on Tomales Bay 5 July (CCn, BB); if accepted it will constitute only the second record for northern California. Less exotic but out-of-range was a White-faced Ibis at Palo Alto in late June (TC). A flightless Oldsquaw at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza 31 July must have summered locally (SFB, VR, LH).

Summer Ancient Murrelets are almost unknown in our area, but singles were in Monterey Bay 18 June (*fide* SL) and off Point Reyes 25 June (JLa). Only recently have Rhinoceros Auklets begun nesting in our area on the Farallones and this year's numbers were very encouraging. Several nests were found and a coordinated census on 24 June counted 72 birds (PRBO, as are all other Farallon reports). Furthermore, six at Point Reyes 17 June (JM), four at Año Nuevo 19 June (GT), and two to three a day past Pigeon Point in mid-July were encouraging. Tufted Puffins were also up on the Farallones and six to seven were seen through July at the tip of Point Reyes (BSo *et al.*). Although they were seen carrying nesting materials, nesting could not be confirmed. Again Horned Puffins were found in June: the Farallones had singles on the 17th and 26th, and another was in Monterey Bay on the 25th (JL *et al.*).

But on to the spectacular landbird migration. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo at the Weeds 2 July was very rare to the coast, but at an expected date for this late migrant (LCB). A Lesser Nighthawk on the Farallones 11 June and a Common on 16 June were both unexpected. An Eastern

Kingbird was at Mendoza Ranch 29 June (JM, EFB); a couple are expected each spring but this is rather late. A singing Brown Thrasher at the Fish Docks 6-8 June (JM *et al.*) was a treat. Better yet was an elusive singing **Wood Thrush** at Palomarin 18-19 June. The fourth state record and a first for northern California, it was banded (PRBO) but glimpsed by only a few fortunates (SJ, JM, CH). But the best bird of the spring was a singing **White-eyed Vireo** at Mendoza Ranch 7-8 June (DR, BR, VR, JM, EC *et al.*). It was the second state record and the first on the mainland and out of a net; the first was on the Farallones 4-5 June 1969 (note the date!). The bird sang loudly most of each morning but became elusive in the afternoons, and searching the small group of cypresses was not helped by strong northwest winds. Interestingly, the bird was not part of a wave—only two other migrants were present on all of Point Reyes. Three Red-eyed Vireos appeared on 14 June, one in the Willows and two in the Weeds (JM, VR).

One hundred twenty-three "eastern" warblers of 15 species were observed on the coast this June. This multitude is best handled in the table below but the reader should be aware that not all the warblers have the same status. Black-and-white, Tennessee, Ovenbird, and American Redstart (and for that matter Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting) are always to be expected (though fully 95% of the Ovenbird records are from Southeast Farallon Island, as their secretive habits help them elude observers on the coast). Magnolia, Northern Parula, and Chestnut-sided are also to be expected but in much lower numbers; this year was particularly good. Cape May, Bay-breasted, and Blackpoll are normally very rare in the spring, averaging about three birds per spring for all of California through 1975. Only last spring we got our first non-Farallon records of Cape May and Bay-breasted, but this June brought twelve Cape Mays (including several singing males), nine Bay-breasteds, and nine Blackpolls. This sudden increase is probably linked to the population explosion of these cyclical species due to a spruce-bud worm outbreak in the taiga where they breed. Black-throated Greens, Blackburnians, Northern Waterthrushes, and Canadas are always rare to the coast in spring. This year's **Canada Warbler**, in fact, is only the third northern California spring record, and all are from the Farallones. Excluded from the table is the second California record of **nesting Northern Parulas**. A singing male was found at Five Brooks, Point Reyes National Seashore, on 2 June (JM) and later two males and a female were present. A nest was found in "moss" resembling the bird's breeding habitat in the southeast (SJ), and two young were fledged. One male was still present on 16 July. A male and two females had two nests on Point Lobos, Monterey Co., in 1952; this new record shows that the odds against vagrants nesting, though large, are not overwhelming.

"Eastern" Warblers in Northern California, Spring 1977

Species	Sex	Date	Place	Observers
Black-and White Warbler				
M		9 June	Drakes Beach	PL, DR, E&RC
F		10 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		14-16 June	Weeds; Nunes Ranch	JM, VR, CH
M		16-17 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		15-17 June	Point Reyes lighthouse	JM, SFB, CH
Tennessee Warbler				
M		2 June	Golden Gate Park	BSa, PM
—		9 June	Nunes Ranch	JM
2M		10-11 June	Golden Gate Park	LCB
—		11 June	Farallones	PRBO
2		14 June	Weeds	VR, JM
—		14 June	Willows	VR, JM, KY
M		17-18 June	Spaletta Ranch	SFB
F		17-23 June	Farallones	PRBO
—		26 June	Olema marsh	PM, BSa
Northern Parula				
F		11-13 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		16-20 June	Farallones	PRBO
—		26 June	Olema marsh	PM, BSa
Magnolia Warbler				
—		5 June	Sea Ranch, Sonoma Co.	BDP
M		7 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		9 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		9 June	Drakes Beach	DH, CCm
M		10-11 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		11-16 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		11-17 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		12-16 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		13 June	Fish Docks	CH
M		14 June	Weeds	VR, JM
M		16 June	Point Reyes lighthouse	CH
F		16-17 June	Farallones	PRBO
Cape May Warbler				
M		7 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		9 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		9-10 June	Mendoza Ranch	DR, PL, E&RC
M		9-10 June	Bodega Bay (first Sonoma County record)	JM, DR
F		10 June	Goddard Ranch, Point Reyes	CH, GZ
2F		12 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		13 June	Point Reyes lighthouse	CH, GZ, JM
M		14 June	Mendoza Ranch	VR, JM
F		15-22 June	Farallones	PRBO
M		19 June	Farallones	PRBO
F		19-22 June	Farallones	PRBO
"Myrtle" Warbler (at these dates, as "eastern" as other migrants)				
M		6-7 June	Fish Docks	JM, DR
M		13-15 June	Nunes Ranch	JM



Golden Gate Audubon Society

A BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

QUESTIONNAIRE

YOUR input is vital for effective servicing of our membership. All members should be willing to assist, aid and even develop ideas and programs for the governing Board whose efforts are spread too thinly most times to really be effective. The environmental movement is being challenged on many fronts. The day of the congenial happy little group of birders has gone for many. Chapters are larger and consist of new people and new strengths. We must look toward the future.

PLEASE take the time to answer this questionnaire. It will be time well spent not only for the well being of your chapter, but also in determining the goals and priorities for the future. We thank you.

Lenore C. Johnsen

Be assured no individual names will be published. Please return the completed questionnaire to the GGAS office (see address on other side) by October 1, 1977.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

1. Do you attend monthly meetings and programs of GGAS?

Never _____ Occasionally _____
Frequently _____ Why not _____

2. I don't attend meetings or trips; I only want to lend moral and financial support _____

3. Do you attend GGAS field trips?
Never _____ Occasionally _____ Frequently _____

4. Would you like to see more family and social activity in GGAS? Yes _____ No _____
What kind _____

5. Would you like to see an educational program for the young people started in GGAS?
Yes _____ No _____

6. Have you attended an Annual Dinner? Never _____
A few times _____ Regularly _____

7. What kind of monthly program appeals to you most? _____

8. Have you ever participated in a Christmas Count? Yes _____ No _____
More than once _____

9. Which committees have you participated in this year (including the Christmas Count)? _____

10. If you had time, which committee(s) would interest you most? _____

If any question in your opinion seems irrelevant or presumptuous, please omit answering it. But do return your form even if only a few answers are checked.

- CONSERVATION _____ AUDUBON _____ FIELD TRIPS _____ EXHIBITS _____ PUBLICITY _____
FINANCE _____
ANNUAL DINNER _____ OTHER _____
11. Do you feel you know enough about The Audubon Society, its purposes and goals? Yes _____ No _____
12. Would you be willing to attend public meetings (local City Council, Supervisor, etc.) as an observer? Yes _____ No _____ As a speaker? Yes _____ No _____
13. Would you be willing to write letters to key persons to influence policy-making trends in areas of concern to Audubon groups? Yes _____ No _____
14. To what other conservation organizations do you belong? _____
15. What outdoor interests do you have other than birding? _____
16. What are your hobbies? _____
17. How many years have you been a member of GGAS? _____
18. What is your age group? 10-20 _____ 21-35 _____ 36-50 _____ over 50 _____
19. If yours is a family membership, how many persons does it represent? _____
20. Why did you join Audubon? _____
21. Have your expectations been fulfilled? Yes _____ No _____
Explain _____

Black-throated Green Warbler

F 11 June Farallones PRBO

Blackburnian Warbler

F 9-26 June Farallones (perhaps a record
for longest stay) PRBO

Chestnut-sided Warbler

M 12 June Farallones PRBO
M 14 June Farallones PRBO
M 14-15 June Weeds VR, JM, KY
M 16 June San Francisco BM
M 16 June Weeds CH
M 16-17 June Drakes Beach CH
F 17 June Weeds JM, SFB, CH
M 17-20 June Farallones PRBO
M 18 June Palomarin PRBO

Bay-breasted Warbler

M 9 June Bodega Bay (first Sonoma
County record) JM
F 11 June Farallones PRBO
M 13 June Fish Docks JM, KY
M 13-14 June Fish Docks JM, KY
M 14 June Weeds JM, VR
M 16-19 June Mendoza Ranch CH
F 17 June Weeds JM
F 18 June Spaletta Ranch JM
F late June Farallones PRBO

Blackpoll Warbler

M 2 June Kehoe Marsh BN, DW
M 3 June Fish Docks BR
M 9 June Farallones PRBO
F 9-11 June Farallones PRBO
F 16-19 June Mendoza Ranch CH
M 16-21 June Farallones PRBO
F 19-21 June Farallones PRBO
M late June Farallones PRBO
F late June Farallones PRBO

Ovenbird

13 6-20 June Farallones PRBO
— 9-11 June Mendoza Ranch JM, BF
M 10 June Golden Gate Park LCB
M 18 June Palomarin PRBO
— 18 June Carmel River mouth *fide* JM
2 19 June Fish Docks GT
— 28 June Thornton Beach, San Mateo Co. SW

Northern Waterthrush

M 16 June Mendoza Ranch CH

Canada Warbler

— 11 June Farallones PRBO

American Redstart

14 6-30 June Farallones PRBO
10 11-26 June Point Reyes VR, JM, MO,
(5M,5F) CH, JLa
F 5 June Carmel River mouth *fide* JM
F 18 June Carmel River mouth *fide* SL
M 9 July Woodson Bridge, Tehama Co. JRi

Bobolinks, regular in eastern California but rarer here, were at the Presidio of San Francisco 10 June (AJ) and at Nunes Ranch 12 June (EM). Summer Tanagers, also uncommon, were on the Farallones 12 June and at the Abandoned Ranch 2 July (DB). It was an unprecedented spring for Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, beginning with a male on Mount Tamalpais 30 May (BN) and turning into a flood. The Farallones had 20, birders on Point Reyes recorded at least 25 (16 males, 9 females), two were at Palomar 18 June (PRBO), and single males were at the Carmel River mouth 18 June, Gazos Creek Rd., San Mateo Co. 20 June (GT), and Golden Gate Park 26 June (BH—first park record). The singing male Indigo Bunting on Limantour Rd. remained through the period, but Indigos did not stage an invasion: only four on the Farallones, and single males at Neary's Lagoon 9 June and at Mendoza Ranch 12 June (KY). A male **Dickcissel** at the Point Reyes lighthouse 17 June was exciting (JM, SFB, CH). The drought seems to have pushed Grasshopper Sparrows toward the coast; 11 were found at Rodco Lagoon in mid-July (TO). The Farallones played host to some interesting sparrows: a Green-tailed Towhee 26 June, a Black-throated Sparrow 7-19 June, Clay-colored Sparrows 9-10 June and 16 June, and California's latest **Tree Sparrow** on 26 June. On the mainland, a Harris' Sparrow was in the Weeds on the incredible date of 2 July (LCB).

Observers: Stephen F. Bailey, Dennis Beall, Laurence C. Binford, Betty Boyd, Ted Chandik, Clifford Conly (CCn), Chris Coombe (CCm), Elizabeth and Robert Copper, Bud Fry, Linda Hale, Darrell Hall, Bob Hirt, Craig Hohenberger, Anthony James, Stuart Johnston, Paul Kelly, Betty Land, Jeri Langham (JLa), Paul Lehman, John Luther (JL), Susanne Luther, Eugene Makishima, Barbara Margolis, Peter Metropoulos, Joe Morlan, Bill Noble, Todd Olsen, Mike Ozaki, Benjamin D. Parmeter, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Van Remsen, Bob Richmond, Jean Richmond, Liza Riddle, Don Roberson, Barry Sauppe (BSa), Bruce Sorrie (BSo), Gil Thompson, John and Ricky Warriner, Frank Wilson, Summer Wilson, Dianne Williams, Keiko Yamane, Gary Zamzow.

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Conservation Notes

REDWOODS

An important issue before Congress is the redwood logging controversy. H.R.3813, a bill sponsored by Rep. Phillip Burton, would enlarge Redwood National Park by 74,000 acres. A bill sponsored by the Administration would enlarge it by 48,000 acres. The Burton bill would protect entire watersheds whose present protection is incomplete. The

amount of land that would be added to the park would be a small fraction of the land capable of growing redwoods and the inclusion of the land in the park would have little long-term effect on the logging industry. Write to your Congressperson on this matter.

SUISUN MARSH

A bill that, if enacted, would implement the Suisun Marsh Protection Plan is going through the State Assembly this summer. The Suisun Marsh is a vitally important wetland for California's wildlife. The bill A.B.1717, sponsored by Assemblyman Vic Fazio, would provide for its protection. Write to Governor Brown and to your local Assemblyperson to express your views.

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT

Maricopa Audubon Society needs further help in reducing the size of its indebtedness incurred by the lawsuit to halt the Central Arizona Project, one of the water projects curtailed but not canceled by President Carter. Send your contribution to CAP Fund, P. O. Box 15102, Phoenix, Arizona 85060.

GOLDEN EAGLES

To end the column on a good note, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is developing a golden eagle management plan that will not include "blanket kill" permits as some people had wanted. The Service recognizes that the future of golden eagles is not secure, and we hope they will plan accordingly. In areas where golden eagle depredation on young livestock is a problem, eagles will be live-trapped and relocated. Individual kill permits will be issued only as a last resort, and none have been issued since 1971. It is hoped that the management plan will quiet the voices asking for a lifting of the moratorium on "blanket kill" permits.

—DAVID LITTLEJOHN, *Conservation Chairman*

Peregrine Falcon Symposium

The National Audubon Society will sponsor a symposium on "The Current Status of Peregrine Falcon Populations in North America" on Saturday, October 22, 1977. This day-long program will be held at the Oakland Museum. Representatives of both private organizations and public agencies will present a discussion on current population trends and recovery efforts to restore Peregrine Falcon populations.

Registration for the symposium will be by mail only. No tickets will be sold at the door. To register, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$3.50 per person to: Peregrine Falcon Symposium, National Audubon Society, Whittell Education Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon, California 94920.

Checks should be made payable to the National Audubon Society.

PRBO Rummage Sale Next Month

Point Reyes Bird Observatory is having a fund-raising rummage sale on Saturday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Marin Co-op in Corte Madera. Donations in the form of usable rummage (jewels, jugs, jeans, jibs, jerseys, jambeaux, jacks, jigsaws, etc.) are needed, and can be delivered to the following "rummage depots":

Golden Gate Audubon Society
2718 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley
Weekdays 9:00-4:00

Bill Parsons
3212 School St., Oakland
533-1948

Joseph Morrell, Jr.
3125 Quintara St., S.F.
566-4138

Neil Blank
175 16th Ave., S.F.
386-6435

For further information and addresses for the Peninsula and Marin County, contact Barbara Fearis at 383-6435.

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The Board of Directors
Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc.

I have examined the balance sheets of Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, as of May 31, 1977 and 1976 and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the years then ended. My examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances; as to revenue from contributions and bequests, it was not practicable to extend my examination beyond the Society's recorded receipts.

The membership dues are recorded as income upon receipt from the National Audubon Society. Accordingly, the accompanying statements do not include accounts receivable for membership dues.

In my opinion, except as stated in the preceding paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. as of May 31, 1977 and 1976 and the related statement of revenues (recorded revenues as to contributions and bequests), expenses and changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Larry P. Angeli

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
(A California non-profit corporation)

BALANCE SHEET

MAY 31, 1977 AND 1976

ASSETS	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976*</u>
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 17,384	\$ 13,301
Inventory	461	814
Due from Endowment Fund	300	
Due from annual dinner ticket sales	1,180	
Prepaid insurance	<u>252</u>	
Total current assets	<u>19,577</u>	<u>14,115</u>
Equipment - at cost		
Office equipment	1,416	1,217
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>392</u>	<u>315</u>
	<u>1,024</u>	<u>902</u>
Land		<u>4,500</u>
Restricted funds		
Cash in savings accounts	<u>26,456</u>	<u>20,028</u>
	<u>\$ 47,057</u>	<u>\$ 39,545</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,512
Advance deposits - trips	1,324	
Funds held for other organizations	241	241
Accrued liabilities		
Payroll taxes	291	218
Salaries		668
Property and sales tax		<u>188</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,467</u>	<u>2,827</u>
Restricted funds		
Due to General Fund	<u>300</u>	
Fund balances		
General fund	17,134	16,690
Restricted funds	<u>26,156</u>	<u>20,028</u>
	<u>43,290</u>	<u>36,718</u>
	<u>\$ 47,057</u>	<u>\$ 39,545</u>

* Restated for purposes of comparability

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1977 AND 1976

	1977	1976 [*]
GENERAL FUND		
Revenues		
Member dues	\$ 31,944	\$ 26,720
Whittell Challenge		
Grant Award		1,000
Pelagic and field trips	8,673	7,803
Gifts and donations		
Cash	3,524	2,194
Property - at estimated market value		4,500
Annual dinner	1,180	400
Interest and other income	2,033	2,224
	<u>47,354</u>	<u>44,841</u>
Expenditures		
Meetings	446	463
Gull printing	8,638	9,091
Gull mailing	2,297	1,175
Field trips	8,375	7,502
Annual dinner	1,838	297
Program costs - other	1,788	1,083
Salaries - office	7,984	6,955
Work study - salaries	858	744
Employee welfare	29	
Telephone and postage	794	1,067
Office supplies and expense	1,225	845
Dues and memberships	158	
Professional fees	700	650
Office rent and utilities	2,443	2,095
Taxes	1,165	817
Gifts and donations		
Cash	2,722	2,669
Property	4,500	
Depreciation	125	113
Miscellaneous	825	369
	<u>46,910</u>	<u>35,935</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>444</u>	<u>8,906</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year	16,690	8,384
Adjustment		600
As restated	<u>16,690</u>	<u>7,784</u>
Fund balance, end of year	<u>17,134</u>	<u>16,690</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Fund balances, beginning of year	20,028	18,887
Excess of receipts over expenses	6,128	1,141
Fund balances, end of year	<u>26,156</u>	<u>20,028</u>
	<u>\$ 43,290</u>	<u>\$ 36,718</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

YEARS ENDED MAY 31, 1977 AND 1976

	<u>1977</u>	<u>1976</u>
Working capital provided by		
Operations		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 444	\$ 8,906
Add (deduct) charges not		
affecting working capital		
Depreciation	125	113
Donation of land	4,500	(4,500)
Equipment stolen	<u>162</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>5,231</u>	<u>4,519</u>
 Working capital used for		
Additions to office equipment	<u>409</u>	<u>95</u>
 Increase in working capital	\$ <u>4,822</u>	\$ <u>4,424</u>
 Increase (decrease) in working capital consisted of		
Cash	\$ 4,083	\$ 5,077
Inventory	(353)	814
Accounts receivable	1,480	
Prepaid expenses	252	
Accounts payable	(99)	(1,132)
Deposits	(1,324)	
Accrued liabilities	<u>783</u>	<u>(335)</u>
	\$ <u>4,822</u>	\$ <u>4,424</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Inventories are stated at cost. Cost is determined on the "first-in first-out" basis.

Depreciation has been computed by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful life of the asset. The estimated useful life used for equipment is 10 years.

The Society has changed the method of accruing certain expenses, for the year ended May 31, 1977. Accordingly the statement for the year ended May 31, 1976 was restated for comparability and a retroactive adjustment to the Fund Balance as of June 1, 1975 was made to reflect the change.

RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

Changes in restricted fund balances were as follows:

	Life Membership Fund		Endowment Fund		Memorial Fund
	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,600	\$ 18,328	\$ 17,287	
Additions					
Dues received	100	100			
Amounts received					\$ 5,098
Interest income			1,230	1,041	
Expenses					
Scholarship			(300)		
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 1,800</u>	<u>\$ 1,700</u>	<u>\$ 19,258</u>	<u>\$ 18,328</u>	<u>\$ 5,098</u>

In addition the Endowment Fund has 5 shares of Odessa Trading Company, Class B, common stock which are not readily marketable.



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